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Dear Forum Participants:

Here are two major announcements about the Forum:

**1. Guidelines Now Available!**

Floodway Management Plan Guidelines showing all changes made since release of the last hardcopy version in August 2005 are now available. Forum members can access the graphics and appendices via the Jones & Stokes FTP site. Simply click on the following link: [Sacramento River Corridor](#)

If you have difficulty downloading the graphics, please contact us, and we will make sure that they are mailed to you promptly. **A loose-leaf bound copy of the Guidelines and all figures and appendices will be available in the next few weeks. We will be in touch soon about that.**

Below is a brief summary of major changes that were made to the FMP since August 2005. The changes reflected in this version were all based on comments brought up at the August 2005 meeting of the Forum and expanded on in a series of subsequent meetings with stakeholder groups

- The FMP has been modified to provide a better description of the funding inequities between rural and urban reclamation districts, as well as to more fairly portray the value of rural and agricultural lands and to acknowledge that geotechnical studies and levee improvements in rural basins would most likely require federal or state funding assistance.
- Language has been added throughout the FMP to stress the importance of protecting the rights of property owners.
- The "Levee Protection Study Area" recommendation has been changed to a "Levee Protection Area" recommendation, and its area of influence has been reduced from 300 feet from the landside toe of the levee to 50 feet from the landside toe of the levee. The guidelines have been modified to be more sensitive to the financial circumstances of rural basins, and any mention of areas exempt from the Levee Protection Area has been removed.
- The Guidelines for In-Channel Structures are now less narrowly focused. Where they previously were focused almost exclusively on floating restaurants, they now apply to all floating and in-channel structures.

**2. Save May 25 Meeting Date!**

We are convening the Forum membership on May 25<sup>th</sup> for several key purposes:

- To review and confirm changes in Guidelines since August 2005
- To discuss major developments in Riverfront Management relevant to future Forum sponsorship and Guideline application and implementation that have been taken by the Cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento
- To review the state of proposed legislation concerning such issues as levee protection, financial liability and design standards
- To develop a workplan regarding Guideline implementation and new issues the Forum could deal with in the next year

The location of the meeting will be the **West Sacramento City Hall Center, 1:30 – 3:30pm.**

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